

EDITORIAL COMMENT

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AMERICA'S ACHIEVEMENTS



America today celebrates the one hundred and forty-second anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The entrance of this country into the conflict to make the world safe for democracy and its signal successes on the battlefields of Europe add special significance to this year's celebration.

Never since that fourth day of July, one hundred and forty-two years ago, has the republic celebrated a national holiday amid such tremendous possibilities as confront this country now.

In that early and struggling hour when a few Colonial riflemen fired at Bunker Hill "the shot that rang 'round the world," it is doubtful if one of them, or if one of the dauntless and compelling spirits that directed them, could have forecast in ambition or in prophecy the magnificent nation which centralizes the attention and admiration of the world today.

God Almighty has blessed the great Republic in basket and in store. He has enlarged its territory magnificently. He has multiplied its people in myriads. He has enriched its savings beyond the dreams of avarice and, year by year, He has magnified and glorified its influence and its mission until it lives to be the first among all nations, foremost in liberty, in humanity, in civilization and in saving power to the beleaguered and imperiled interests of all mankind.

It is doubtful if those of us who are whirling in the maelstrom of this titanic world conflict, into which we have been swept, appreciate today as we shall appreciate in history the uniqueness, the isolation and the lofty and compelling status of our America in this vast hour of the world's crisis and history.

Statesmen, prime ministers and historians have declared that the entrance of America into the great conflict is the most superb and unselfish act in all human history.

Our country has ere today rapidly proved itself the hope of every great nation with whom our destiny has been locked. It is more and more the central figure amid the storm-tossed and foundering states of a tempest-tossed and anxious world.

The chronicler of today or the builder of the history to-morrow who fails to see the majestic height from which America celebrates this Fourth of July, 1918, is lacking in high appreciation of the present and in the large forecast of the expanded future.

The heart and brain of this Republic should pause today and thrill with the consciousness of what we have done and what it has been reserved for us to do. We are standing now upon and across the threshold of our greatest achievement and our greatest usefulness.

In the providence of God and by the light of our loyalty toward the original convictions of liberty and humanity upon which we have founded, we are today with garnered wisdom and with stored wealth and with disciplined strength standing in the vortex of universal waters as at once the lighthouse of hope and the anchor of liberty for all the world.

The smallest public library in the world is in an English village. It consists of a newspaper file to which the public has access.

That air battle between nine American and nine Hun planes was a kind of aerial baseball game. Three Huns were caught on flies and the rest struck out.

Rev. H. Boyce Taylor has been found guilty of charges of disloyalty but will escape from the fact that the law to punish such offenses was passed after he had committed them.

UNDER THE FOLDS OF OLD GLORY

WHERE ONCE SHE IS UNFURLED OLD GLORY STAYS FOREVER

(By International News Service.)

London, July 3.—Where the Americans plant "old glory" they mean to stay. Infuriated by the American gains on the Marne front Tuesday the Germans made a fierce counter attack, only to be repulsed with bloody losses. The Americans took 97 additional prisoners.

Between the Oise and the Aisne rivers the French scored another important local success, by taking the German positions on a front of nearly two miles to a depth of 800 meters and capturing 220 prisoners.

The Italians inflicted a new defeat on the Austrians on the Lower Piave, advancing to depths of 2,000 to 3,000 yards on an eight mile front and capturing 1,000 prisoners.

MRS. R. A. PECK

PROMINENT WOMAN DIES AT
HER HOME NEAR PEE DEE.

Mrs. Annie Peck, wife of R. A. Peck, died Tuesday morning at 11:15 at their home near Pee Dee. She had been in poor health all spring and summer and a complication of troubles caused her death. She was 56 years of age and was born near Cambridge, England, and came to this country with her parents at the age of nine.

Mr. Peck also was born in England and he and Mrs. Peck were married 32 years ago. She is survived by her husband, Richard Peck, Jr., a son of Charleston, W. Va., three sisters and a brother. The brother, Will Feary, and three sisters, Mrs. Walter Binns, Mrs. W. C. Binns, and Miss Agnes Feary, all live in the Binns vicinity.

Funeral services were held at the home yesterday and the body was brought to Riverside cemetery for burial.

PURELY PERSONAL

Miss Jennie M. Cabanis, principal of a large school in Helena, Ark., is attending the Teachers' Institute in this city. She formerly lived in this county and has a number of relatives and friends here.

John Bonte, of Louisville, is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. T. Bonte.

Miss Louise Eager is visiting her mother, Mrs. B. F. Eager, at Bethel College.

Miss Mary Danforth, is visiting friends in Fulton, Ky.

Mrs. J. C. Guild and daughter Jane, of Gallatin, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. Frank Mason.

Miss Grace Huber, of Vincennes is visiting Mrs. Walter Moss.

Mrs. A. M. Wallis and daughter Mrs. J. H. Brown, have returned from Dawson.

W. D. Cooper is at home from a visit of several weeks at Red Boiling Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hubert and sons, Hubert and Wilson, and daughter Miss Lillian, of Minden, Mo., who are visiting Mrs. Lucy Meacham at Gracely, were in the city yesterday.

NORTH CHRISTIAN FARMER.

James Martin, a farmer of the Crofton neighborhood, died Sunday after a long illness of tuberculosis aged about 60 years. His wife and two children survive. Mr. Martin was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the burial which occurred Monday, near Castleterry, was conducted under the auspices of the Crofton lodge.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

Washington, July 3.—Senator Olie James is so much improved that he asked the doctors who are attending him that he be permitted to leave Johns Hopkins Hospital this week. His physicians, however, vetoed this request and set Monday, July 15, as the time for his departure.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM

GREAT CROWD WILL ASSEMBLE
AT VIRGINIA PARK TONIGHT
TO CELEBRATE.

HOLIDAY TO BE OBSERVED

PROGRAM WILL BE IN KEEPING
WITH OCCASION AND PATRIOTISM WILL RUN HIGH.

Most all the stores of the city will close today as will the postoffices and banks in order that employees and hard-worked managers and heads of departments may have a day of recreation and outing. If the day is a fair one automobiles will be speeding over the roads to and fro carrying loads hither and thither, seeking what pleasure may be had in a change of atmosphere.

However the day may be spent the people are all coming together at 8 o'clock tonight at Virginia Park to fittingly celebrate the Fourth of July in a program of patriotic songs and band music and oratory.

The teachers of the county will sing the Declaration of Independence will be read and discussed by L. E. Foster, and E. B. Weathers will deliver the principal address. Another gentleman from a distance will speak. We know his name but will not introduce him till to-night. You will want to hear him. He is some speaker.

The Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls will be present to take part in the exercises. Lebkuecher's Band will make music that will arouse you to a high pitch of enthusiasm. The pavilion will be decorated with flags and everything will be lovely. If the weather is rainy or threatening the exercises will be carried out at the Tabernacle.

TAKING RUSSIAN SHIPS.

(By International News Service.)
London, July 3.—Four German destroyers and two German submarines escorted three steamers of between 5,000 and 8,000 tons were sighted steaming southward from Malmoe, Finland, according to newspaper dispatches. It is presumed the steamers had been captured by the German war craft.

COURT ITEMS.

The fiscal court Tuesday bought a rock crusher from the Montgomery-Perkins Co. for \$1,550.00. This crusher will be used in road construction.

A steel bridge 45 feet long was purchased from the Champion Bridge Co. for \$1,295. This will be placed over the east fork of Little River on the Butler road.

Pinkie Moore, Seal Adams and Jim Clements were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Gresham and brought before Judge Champlin on the charge of vagrancy. All pleaded guilty and sentenced to the workhouse for 23½ days each.

MORNING SESSION ONLY.

The teachers institute in session at the High School this week will hold one session only today, and this morning a patriotic program giving patriotic instruction will be carried out. The public is invited specially to attend this session and are welcome at all sessions each day.

Mr. Weathers and Miss Clark, instructors, have been doing much fine work and the institute is proving a big success. Miss Clark has completed her work of three days for which she was engaged and Mr. Weathers will finish alone today and tomorrow.

Flag of the free, heart's hope and home,
By Angel hands to valor given,
Thy Stars have lit the welkin dome
And all thy hues were born in Heaven.

FORMER CZAR NOT DEAD BUT HAS ESCAPED

(By International News Service.)

Copenhagen, July 3.—Ex-Czar Nicholas Romanoff and his family have arrived in Bergen, Norway, after a sensational escape from Russia, according to an unconfirmed newspaper dispatch received here.

LIGHT SALES HIGH PRICES

AVERAGE PAST WEEK ON LOOSE
FLOOR 21c OVER PREVIOUS
WEEK.

The rains last week seemingly gave no impetus to tobacco deliveries and only 263,680 lbs. were delivered to the loose floors in Hopkinsville. However, the bidding was spirited and prices on the whole were high, the average being \$14.89. This is 21c higher than the average for the previous week and 70c above the season's average.

The sales for this season to date are 50 per cent above the sales of a year ago this date, being 24,463,995 pounds. This brought the farmers selling on this market to the enormous sum of \$3,471,420.85. This does not include any of the tobacco purchased in the bar and delivered directly to the factories and printing houses which will probably constitute 35 per cent or 40 per cent of the entire crop.

The amount of money received by the farmers for the 1917 crop of tobacco will more than double the amount received for the 1916 crop which was a short one and brought a much lower price. The prices the week ending July 3 ranged from \$12 for the worst trash to \$23½ for the best offerings.

It is estimated by well posted tobacco men that 7 per cent of the crop remains in the barns undelivered and that when all is in the total handled on this market for the season will be 40 millions of pounds and that the amount of money paid out for same will reach \$6,000,000. These estimates do not take into consideration the amount going to the market at Pembroke.

UNVEILING SUNDAY.

There will be a service flag unveiling at the Frances Harned Memorial Sunday School on the Clarksville Pike at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. The flag is in honor of the thirteen young men who have been students in the Sunday school and who are now at various stations of duty in the army of the United States. One at least of the young men, whose names are given below, is already in France.

Stanley Renshaw.
Aaron Omer.
Walter Cato.
Fred Radford.
John McIntosh.
Harry McIntosh.
Douglas McIntosh.
Fred Cato.
Gordon Shepherd.
Ulysses Jenkins.
Jack Cato.
Richard Wade.
Jasper McIntosh.

Lieut. Henry Abbott is home from camp on a visit to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Geo. C. Abbott.

MARVELOUS RECORD OF FIRST YEAR

(By International News Service.)

Washington, July 3.—The second marvelous achievement is the report of Secretary Baker of what has been done by the war department, fourteen months after the American participation in the war. An army of more than 2,000,000 has been raised and 1,000,000 are now in France. Ample guns have been delivered, together with airplanes.

ALL FRANCE TO CELEBRATE

FRENCH AND AMERICAN FLAGS
FLY SIDE BY SIDE WHILE
NATION OBSERVES AMERICAN HOLIDAY.

(By International News Service.)

Paris, July 3.—Every part of the French capital is in feverish preparation under way today for the celebration of American Independence Day. Both French and American flags will be brought out throughout the city. All buildings, offices and stores will be closed tomorrow. All France will celebrate.

MOST DOING IN THE AIR

(By International News Service.)

London, July 3.—Twenty-two German airplanes were brought down by the British yesterday, the war office announced to-night. Four British machines are missing. Nineteen tons of bombs were dropped on German targets. No important military operations are reported.

BERLIN CLAIMS FOUR.

(By International News Service.)

Berlin, July 3.—Four American airplanes from a squadron of nine were shot down yesterday, the war office announced in the day's reports. Attacks at St. Pierre and Chateau Thierry, where the Americans won victory yesterday, were repulsed. Some prisoners were taken northwest of Albert.

CHANGE AT GRACEY.

Lewis D. Stewart, merchant at Gracely, has sold his stock of general merchandise to John L. Thurmond who has combined the stock with his own stock and will close the store occupied by Mr. Stewart. The latter will be with Mr. Thurmond for the time being. This gives the new owner a very complete stock in all lines of general merchandise.

RICH HAUL IS MADE.

A fishing party composed of W. F. Cox and family, J. L. Thurmond and family, and Misses Louise Hill, Leila Wilson, Abbie and Bessie Meacham motored to Canton on the Cumberland river from their homes in Gracely last Thursday and returned Friday. They spent the time fishing and catching fish as they report 50 pounds of fine buffalo.

ITALIANS IN TWO CHARGES CAPTURED 1,625 PRISONERS

(By International News Service.)

Rome, July 3.—"We have captured 1,000 prisoners including 48 officers on the lower Piave," says today's war office statement. "Northwest of Monte Grappa the total number of prisoners is 600 soldiers and 25 officers. Twenty-two machine guns were captured by us in that sector."

BOLSHEVIKI ISSUES DECREE

(By International News Service.)

London, July 3.—A Russian wireless message announces that the Bolshevik Government has issued a decree for the nationalization of all important Russian industries.

COMMITTEE IS LOOKING AHEAD

(By International News Service.)

Washington, July 3.—The House Committee on interstate commerce decided today that if telegraph lines are taken over by the Government they must be turned back to their owners as soon as peace is proclaimed.

PLEASE TO HAVE OPPOSITION

(By International News Service.)

Washington, July 3.—South Carolinians here plan to put another man in the race with former Gov. Bleasdale, despite the fact the Democratic primaries have already closed.

ATTENTION, BOY SCOUTS.

All Boy Scouts will please meet at the Armory tonight at 7:30 for the purpose of marching to Virginia Park to take part in the patriotic celebration. Come in full uniform. ALFRED S. ANDERSON, Scout Master.

AIRPLANE MAIL CARRIER



Lieut. Stephen Bonnell, Jr., one of Uncle Sam's airplane mail carriers. Lieutenant Bonnell is the son of the former war correspondent and veteran newspaper man, who is now a major attached to the general staff of the army.

EXPLOSION VICTIMS 100

(By International News Service.)

Syracuse, N. Y., July 3.—Investigation of the power plant explosion is being made. Sixty-five men are known to be dead, but the number will probably exceed 100.

PRIESTS FORBIDDEN MOVIES.

(By International News Service.)

Paris, July 3.—Cardinal Vicaire of Rome, today issued an order forbidding priests from witnessing movie shows, including religious screens.

AT JENNIE STUART HOSPITAL.

Miss Sibyl Boxley, of Oak Grove, had her tonsils removed Tuesday.

Mrs. C. D. Durham, of Morton's Gap; Scott Means, City; Mrs. Bettie Vaughan, City, and Miss Mary Walker, City, were dismissed yesterday, convalescent.

Mrs. Richard Grove, Depoy, Ky., was admitted yesterday for medical treatment.

Miss Estelle Hester, of Roaring Spring, came in for medical treatment yesterday.

Mrs. Alma Harold, Morgantown, Ky., was admitted for surgical treatment.

Fireman Hopson, injured in an auto wreck, as yet shows no improvement.

Miss Ruby Hamilton, City, operated upon for appendicitis, is doing nicely.

Mrs. Joe Lyons, Morton's Gap, a surgical patient, is doing well.

Lucien McCauley, Pembroke, a surgical patient, will soon be able to go home.

Mrs. May Moss, an operative patient, is doing nicely.

Mrs. Geo. Myers, Earlington, was admitted Tuesday for an operation.

Miss Martha Owen, one of the nurses, operated upon, is getting along satisfactorily.

Mrs. John Prowse, City, a medical patient, is improving.

N. B. Wolfe, of Cadiz, in the hospital for surgical treatment is doing well.

G. T. Wyatt, of Olmstead, Ky., an operative patient, will soon be well.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Morton's Gap was admitted yesterday for an operation.

Mrs. Thos. H. Wallace, of Oak Grove, yesterday had her tonsils removed.

Mr. Crutchfield, of Trenton, was admitted yesterday.

Miss Grace Thompson, of Princeton, also came in yesterday for surgical treatment.

KAISER GETS HIS ANSWER.

The launching of a hundred merchant ships today will be a defiant answer to the enemy's challenge. This was the message sent to Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board by Gen. Pershing. Mr. Hurley had notified Gen. Pershing of the increased output and the plans for celebrating the Fourth. The greatest output of going ships ever completed in any one month by any nation was the record set for June by the United States Shipping Board. The total for the month is 280,000 deadweight tons making the total 1918 production date 1,084,690 tons.